

INTERVARSITY

OUR VISION IS TO SEE:
**STUDENTS
 & FACULTY**
 TRANSFORMED
 campuses RENEWED
 & WORLD
 CHANGERS
 DEVELOPED

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YEAR-END GIVING REMINDER

The ministry on campuses and leadership I give to over 50 IVCF staff is made possible by partners like you! As our fiscal year ends, would you consider giving toward our \$1,000 deficit, through any of the following ways?

- (1) Send your tax-deductible CHECK in the enclosed envelope
- (2) Give ONLINE at www.ivcf.org/donate and type in "Tom Lin". On this same page, you may also choose to give MONTHLY electronic gifts via automated bank transfer.
- (3) Give in-kind gifts on our "wish list" (airline tickets, laptops, etc.) by emailing me.

CELEBRATING FIRST FRUITS!

Our 2020 Central Region Vision is to see a movement of missional communities planted in our "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and ends of the earth" – 500 cells, 50 chapters, and one overseas student movement.

It's June - time to reflect on the school year and assess our ministry. Most of what my Regional Leadership Team is doing now is *celebrating*. After launching our new Regional Vision, I'm proud of the team's leadership and our campus missionaries who have worked hard and seen tremendous results. Please do celebrate with us what God has done in students lives across the region!



Hosting my Regional Leadership Team at my home: in St. Louis: (Some of the many guests we've hosted this past year)

SNAPSHOT: SURPASSING OUR REGIONAL GOALS

	2007-08 Results	2008-09 Goal	2008-09 Results
Chapters*	14	19	20
Conversions	45	63	95 (111% growth)
Overall Student Participants	931	1070	1149 (23% growth)
Cell Groups	90	100	144 (60% growth)
# of Missionaries (IV Staff Workers)	39	49	51 (31% growth)

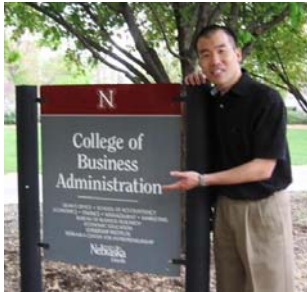
*We celebrate new IV chapters at Lindenwood University (St. Charles, MO), University of Missouri-Columbia, University of Missouri-Kansas City (PHOTO BELOW), Johnson County Community College (Kansas City), and Drake University International Students Chapter, and Kansas State University Black Campus Ministry.



EXPLORING NEBRASKA

For the first time, I visited Nebraska this past May. IVCF has chapters in the other 3 states in my region (MO, IA, and KS), but none in Nebraska! I spent time meeting with local pastors and IV alumni, all of whom are eager to welcome IV to the state! I also visited several campuses incl. U of Nebraska-Lincoln (pic below).

Please pray for us as we prepare to plant at Creighton University in Omaha this coming fall!



FAMILY NEWS

In May, Abby and Olivia joined me for their first IV Camp (Catalyst) and had a blast hanging out with students and staff (photo below). In early June, Nancy traveled to Boston for a reunion with old friends, WITHOUT the kids... a first for us since we've had kids. But perhaps the biggest news upcoming is our 10th wedding anniversary, which we'll celebrate in Chicago in July! *Please pray for Lin family time we have together this summer!*



FRUIT FROM COACHING: IV COMES TO OKLAHOMA!

One of the biggest highlights of the year was coaching a Chapter Planter from another region – Chris Goree, who planted the first IV chapter at the U of Oklahoma in 20+ years! After a year reaching out on campus, he's gathered a solid core of 30 students with a vision for impacting the campus.

This April, they organized a “Justice Campaign” on the OU campus, raising money for the International Justice Mission, raising awareness for human trafficking, and sharing about God’s love and His concern for justice. (See “Loose Change to Loosen Chains” photo to the right.) Through the event, 18 new students expressed interest IV, while OU faculty and administration could not stop talking about IV and its positive impact on campus!

While my formal coaching assignment ends with Chris, **please pray** for his continued supervision by his local Area Director and for his first student Leadership Team which he has appointed for this coming fall. Pray also for me, as I join IVCF’s National Chapter Planting Committee, as I hope to continue contributing to our plants nationwide.



(Above) Coaching Chris Goree, planter at OU
(Below) 140 students at our Catalyst Camp
(Bottom) Testimonies from 11 new believers who participated in Catalyst

CELEBRATING CATALYST '09

The end of the year camp for all IV students in the region is called “Catalyst”, representing what we hope students will become in their chapters and campuses. 140 students attended, the most in the past 4 years. The staff did a tremendous job leading training tracks, devotions, and outstanding plenary sessions. Thanks for praying for us!



UPCOMING TRAVEL & EVENTS

- 7/1-8: National Chapter Planting Cohort (Madison)
- 7/15-17: Coaching Training Retreat (Omaha)
- 7/21-28: Family Vacation to San Diego
- 8/1-9: Ethiopia Tour with IVCF Board (Ethiopia)



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